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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S PRESS INTERVIEW

1. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO, ON OCCASION OF THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PEOPLES' GOVERNMENT, GAVE INTERVIEW TO PANEL OF THREE LEADING PAKISTANI JOURNALISTS. INTERVIEW GIVEN WIDE PLAY IN PRESS, ESPECIALLY IN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PAKISTAN TIMES. WHILE MUCH OF WHAT BHUTTO SAID IN TRACING THE HISTORY OF HIS PARTY'S RULE WAS REITERATION OF PREVIOUS STATEMENTS, EMBASSY CONSIDERS SOME POINTS OF SIGNIFICANCE, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT RELATE TO DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. MOST SIGNIFICANT BHUTTO STATEMENT RAGARDS PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR INTENTIONS. TO EXPLAIN WHY, IN HIS RECENT INTERVIEWS WITH FOREIGN PRESS, QUESTION OF LIFTING U.S. ARMS EMBARGO LINKED TO INDIA'S NUCLEAR THREAT, PRIMIN SAID PAKISTAN MUST HAVE DETERRENT AGAINST INDIAN NUCLEAR THREAT. "IF WE CAN GET CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WE WOULD PREFER IT" BUT IF NOT, "WE TAKE THE BIG STEP FORWARD AND CONCENTRATE ALL OUR ENERGIES ON ACQUIRING NUCLEAR CAPABILITY" PRESS QUOTES HIM AS SAYING.

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3. UNGA PASSAGE OF PAK SANFZ RESOLUTION BY ITSELF NO

GUARANTEE AGAINST NUCLEAR ATTACK, BHUTTO TOLD PRESS, IN FACT, NO COMMITMENT, IN EUROPE OF ELSEWHERE, CONSTITUTES A GUARANTEE. NONETHELESS, HE IMPLIED, PAKISTAN WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK COMMITMENTS FROM "OTHER NATIONS" AS THEY REQUIRE "NUCLEAR NEIGHBOR" TO TAKE "BIGGER RISKS" IN UNDERTAKING NUCLEAR ATTACK.

4. PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH INDIA WOULD PROCEED AT "NORMAL GROWTH" RATE, PRIMIN TOLD QUESTIONER, "WE WILL MOVE AT PACE AT WHICH OUR PEOPLE WANT US TO MOVE"... "WE ARE NOT OVERANXIOUS TO ACCELERATE THE TEMPO". BHUTTO CLAIMED HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY INDIAN ATTEMPTS TO SPEED THINGS UP "BECAUSE MEETINGS WITH INDIAN LEADERS HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE FOR TWO YEARS".

5. AFGHAN HOSTILITY TOWARD PAKISTAN EXISTS, LEADER ASSERTED, BUT THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT AFGHANISTAN WOULD LIKE TO BRING DOWN DEGREE OF HOSTILITY OR INTENSITY OF

PROPAGANDA OR OPPOSITION AND PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED FOR A CHANGE IN SITUATION.

6. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, PM ATTRIBUTED ALL INFLATION TO EXTERNAL FACTORS. THIS, HOWEVER, ONLY PARTLY ACCURATE AS INTERNATIONALLY FUELED INFLATION IS AGGRAVATED HERE BY INTERNAL POLICIES. IN ADDITION, BHUTTO STATED THAT GOP NOT ENGAGED IN DEFICIT FINANCING WHICH, AS RECENT IMF REPORTS SHOW, IS INCORRECT.

7. COPIES TEXT OF PAK TIMES ARTICLE ON SUBJECT BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSES.
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